GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Chinese Rail Line in PoK
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether China has proposed to construct rail line in the Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has raised its objections before China and Pakistan and if so, the reaction of these countries thereto;

(c) the manner in which India's safety and security is likely to be affected as a result of laying rail line by China in PoK; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to counter any threat to the country's security?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI M. J. AKBAR)

(a) to (d) Government is aware that China is executing infrastructure projects in Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK). China is assisting Pakistan in the development of the so-called 'China-Pakistan Economic Corridor' (CPEC). Some of the proposed projects under CPEC are in PoK. Government's consistent position is that Pakistan has been in illegal occupation of parts of the Indian state of Jammu & Kashmir since 1947. Government has conveyed to the Chinese side, including at the highest level, its concerns about their activities in PoK and asked them to cease these activities.

Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.